

(1) To act upon requests for extension of time within which briefs, comments or pleadings may be filed.

(2) To dismiss, as repetitious, any petition for reconsideration of a Commission order which disposed of a petition for reconsideration and which did not reverse, change, or modify the original order.

(3) To dismiss or deny petitions for rulemaking which are repetitive or moot or which, for other reasons, plainly do not warrant consideration by the Commission.

(4) To dismiss as repetitious any petition for reconsideration of a Commission order denying an application for review which fails to rely on new facts or changed circumstances.

(c) The General Counsel is delegated authority in adjudicatory hearing proceedings which are pending before the Commission en banc to act on all requests for relief, and to issue all appropriate orders, except those which involve final disposition on the merits of a previously specified issue concerning an applicant's basic qualifications or two or more applicants' comparative qualifications.

(d) When an adjudicatory proceeding is before the Commission for the issuance of a final order or decision, the General Counsel will make every effort to submit a draft order or decision for Commission consideration within four months of the filing of the last responsive pleading. If the Commission is unable to adopt an order or decision in such cases within five months of the last responsive pleading, it shall issue an order indicating that additional time will be required to resolve the case.

(e) The official record of all actions taken by the General Counsel pursuant to §0.251 (c) and (d) is contained in the original docket folder, which is maintained by the Secretary in the Dockets Branch.

(f) The General Counsel is delegated authority to issue written determinations on behalf of the Chairman, and otherwise act as the Chairman's designee on matters regarding the interception of telephone conversations, as required by the General Services Administration's regulations. 41 CFR 201–6.202 *et seq.*

(g) The General Counsel is delegated authority to act upon any application for a determination of exempt telecommunications company status filed pursuant to section 34(a)(1) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended by section 103 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

(h) The General Counsel is delegated authority to issue rulings on whether violations of the *ex parte* rules have occurred.

(i) The General Counsel is delegated authority to make determinations regarding and waive the applicability of section 4(b) of the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. §154(b)) and the Federal conflict of interest statutes (18 U.S.C. §§203, 205 and 208).

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INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

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§0.261 Authority delegated.

(a) Subject to the limitations set forth in paragraph (b) of this section, the Chief, International Bureau, is hereby delegated the authority to perform the functions and activities described in §0.51, including without limitation the following:

(1) To recommend rulemakings, studies, and analyses (legal, engineering, social, and economic) of various petitions for policy or rule changes submitted by industry or the public, and to assist the Commission in conducting the same;

(2) To assume the principal representational role on behalf of the Commission in international conferences, meetings, and negotiations, and direct Commission preparation for such conferences, meetings, and negotiations with other bureaus and offices, as appropriate;

(3) To act upon applications for international telecommunications facilities and services pursuant to part 23 of this chapter and relevant portions of part 63 of this chapter, and coordinate with the Common Carrier Bureau as appropriate;

(4) To act upon applications for international and domestic satellite systems and earth stations pursuant to part 25 and part 100 of this chapter;

(5) To act upon applications for cable landing licenses pursuant to § 1.767 of this chapter;

(6) To act upon requests for designation of Recognized Private Operating Agency (RPOA) status under part 63 of this chapter;

(7) To act upon applications relating to international broadcast station operations, or for permission to deliver programming to foreign stations, under part 73 of this chapter;

(8) To administer and enforce the policies and rules on international settlements under part 64 of this chapter;

(9) To administer portions of part 2 of this chapter dealing with international treaties and call sign provisions, and to make call sign assignments, individually and in blocks, to U.S. Government agencies and FCC operating bureaus;

(10) To act upon applications for closure of public coast stations in the maritime service under part 63 of this chapter and to coordinate its efforts with the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

(11) To administer Commission participation in the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Fellowship telecommunication training program for foreign officials offered through the U.S. Telecommunications Training Institute;

(12) In consultation with the affected Bureaus and Offices, to recommend revision of Commission rules and procedures as appropriate to conform to the

outcomes of international conferences, agreements, or treaties;

(13) To notify the ITU of the United States' terrestrial and satellite assignments for inclusion in the Master International Frequency Register;

(14) To conduct studies and compile such data relating to international telecommunications as may be necessary for the Commission to develop and maintain an adequate regulatory program; and

(15) To interpret and enforce rules and regulations pertaining to matters under its jurisdiction.

(b) Notwithstanding the authority delegated in paragraph (a) of this section, the Chief, International Bureau, shall not have authority:

(1) To act on any application, petition, pleading, complaint, enforcement matter, or other request that:

(i) Presents new or novel arguments not previously considered by the Commission;

(ii) Presents facts or arguments which appear to justify a change in Commission policy; or

(iii) Cannot be resolved under outstanding precedents and guidelines after consultation with appropriate Bureaus or Offices.

(2) To issue notices of proposed rulemaking, notices of inquiry, or reports or orders arising from rulemaking or inquiry proceedings;

(3) To act upon any application for review of actions taken by the Chief, International Bureau, pursuant to delegated authority, which application complies with § 1.115 of this chapter;

(4) To act upon any formal or informal radio application or section 214 application for common carrier services which is in hearing status;

(5) To designate for hearing any applications except:

(i) Mutually exclusive applications for radio facilities filed pursuant to parts 23, 25, 73, or 100 of this chapter; and

(ii) Applications for facilities where the issues presented relate solely to whether the applicant has complied with outstanding precedents and guidelines; or

(6) To impose, reduce, or cancel forfeitures pursuant to section 203 or section 503(b) of the Communications Act

of 1934, as amended, in amounts of more than \$80,000 for common carrier providers and \$20,000 for non-common carrier providers.

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§ 0.262 Record of actions taken.

The application and authorization files in the appropriate central files of the International Bureau are designated as the Commission's official records of actions by the Chief, International Bureau, pursuant to authority delegated to him.

OFFICE OF PLANS AND POLICY

§ 0.271 Authority delegated.

(a) Insofar as authority is not delegated to any other Bureau or Office, and with respect only to matters which are not in hearing status, the Chief, Office of Plans and Policy is delegated authority to deny requests or to extend the time within which comments may be filed in dockets over which the Office of Plans and Policy has primary authority.

(b) [Reserved]

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CHIEF, MASS MEDIA BUREAU

§ 0.283 Authority delegated.

The performance of functions and activities described in § 0.61 of this part is delegated to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau: Provided, That the following matters shall be referred by the Chief, Mass Media Bureau to the Commission en banc for disposition:

(a) *Applications.* Formal and informal applications for new or modified facilities, and for the renewal, assignment, and transfer of construction permits and licenses involving such facilities, when such applications fail to satisfy the requirements of Commission rules or established Commission policy in the following areas of special concern:

(1) *Multiple ownership, concentration of control, and cross-interests.* (i) Acquisition of a third broadcast station or modification of facilities if such would result in the common ownership of three broadcast stations where any two are within 100 miles of a third and primary service contour overlap would

occur; "one-to-a-market" situations involving UHF stations or TV satellite stations; and duopoly situations involving TV satellite stations. (Commonly owned AM and FM stations in the same market are treated as one station for the purpose of the "third station" limitations.)

(ii) Acquisition of a broadcast station by a newspaper in the same area, or other organization having substantial interests in the print media in the same area.

(iii) Creation of common ownership interests, management ties, or employment relationships between licensees serving substantial common areas and populations. Commonality of areas and populations served shall be determined in duopoly situations by overlap of the following service contours: AM—1 mVm; FM—1 mVm; and TV—Grade B. In "one-to-a-market" situations, commonality of areas and populations served shall be determined by community encompassment with the following service contours: AM—2 mVm; FM—1 mVm; and TV—Grade A.

(iv) Acquisition of broadcast properties by corporations or individuals appearing to dominate the economic life of the community.

(2) *Anti-trust activity, unfair trade practices, and violations of law not previously considered by the Commission.* (i) Proposals by applicants against whom communications-related anti-trust suits are pending or against whom there is pending any anti-trust suit in which an adverse verdict has been reached.

(ii) Proposals by applicants who have entered into a consent decree, have pleaded guilty or nolo contendere, or have been adjudged guilty in an anti-trust case during the three-year period preceding the filing of the application.

(iii) Proposals by applicants who have been the subject of a final cease and desist or consent order issued by the Federal Trade Commission during the three-year period preceding the filing of the application.

(iv) Proposals by applicants or including parties with felony or capital offense conviction records, or against whom a criminal proceeding is pending.